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SUBJECT: OMEGA AUSTRALIA

EMBASSY PROPOSES TO EXCHANGE THE FOLLOWING NOTE WITH DFA ON
APRIL 12. WE BELIEVE TEXT IS ACCURATE VERSION OF NOTE
DISCUSSED DURING RICHARDSON-HERBERT VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST
THAT TEXT IS ACCEPTABLE.

BEGIN TEXT:

EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OMEGA
NAVIGATION FACILITY IN AUSTRALIA

EXCELLENCY,
I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT
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IN SOUTH-EASTERN AUSTRALIA OF AN OMEGA NAVIGATION FACIL-
ITY CAPABLE OF BEING USED BY ANY SUITABLY-EQUIPPED SHIP
OR AIRCRAFT.

IN THE LIGHT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS I HAVE THE HONOR
TO PROPOSE THAT AN OMEGA NAVIGATION FACILITY BE ESTABLISHED,
OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AS AN

AUSTRALIAN FACILITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE NAVI-
GATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF MARINERS AND AVIATORS OF ALL NA-
TIONS, AND THAT, TO THIS END, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS BE CONCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

1. IN THIS AGREEMENT

"CO-OPERATING AGENCIES" MEANS THE AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORT AND THE OMEGA PROJECT OFFICE OF THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

"FACILITY" MEANS THE OMEGA FACILITY TO BE ESTABLISHED IN
AUSTRALIA UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT.

2. SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SHALL
DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, EQUIP AND COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE
WITH DESIGN AND OTHER TECHNICAL STANDARDS AGREED BY THE
CO-OPERATING AGENCIES, AN OMEGA NAVIGATION FACILITY AT
A SITE IN SOUTH-EASTERN AUSTRALIA TO BE AGREED UPON BY
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

3. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHALL EXERCISE ALL REASONABLE ENDEAVORS
TO COMPLETE THE FACILITY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE
DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS AGREEMENT.

4. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE
WITHOUT COST TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, THE EQUIPMENT,
MATERIALS AND SERVICES LISTED IN THE ANNEX TO THIS AGREE-
MENT AND SHALL BEAR THE COSTS OF DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING,
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EQUIPPING, COMMISSIONING AND OTHERWISE ESTABLISHING THE
FACILITY EXCEPT THAT THE COSTS OF PROVIDING NECESSARY
STAFF QUARTERS AND LAND FOR THE FACILITY SHALL BE BORNE
BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT. THE COSTS TO BE BORNE
BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL BE PAID TO THE
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BY PERIODIC PAYMENTS IN SUCH
MANNER AND AT SUCH TIMES AS MAY BE AGREED BY THE CO-
OPERATING AGENCIES.

5. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE
FOR OPERATING, MANAGING, MAINTAINING, AND STAFFING THE
FACILITY AND SHALL BEAR THE COST THEREOF.

6. ON THE COMPLETION OF THE FACILITY, THE AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT SHALL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BEGINNING THE
REGULAR TRANSMISSION OF SIGNALS BY THE FACILITY AS A
PART OF THE WORLD-WIDE OMEGA SYSTEM. THE AUSTRALIAN
AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS SHALL USE THEIR BEST
ENDEAVOURS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUOUS OPERATION OF THEIR

RESPECTIVE FACILITIES IN PHASE WITH THE WORLD-WIDE
OMEGA SYSTEM AND AGREE TO CONSULT URGENTLY IF AN
EMERGENCY SITUATION SHOULD REQUIRE OPERATIONS TO BE
CEASED TEMPORARILY AT A FACILITY UNDER THEIR CONTROL.

7. OMEGA SIGNALS FROM THE FACILITY SHALL BE USED ONLY
FOR NAVIGATION, FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS,
FOR TIME DISSEMINATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES AS
AGREED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS, BUT NOT FOR COMMUNICATION
OTHER THAN THAT NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE INTEGRATED
OPERATION OF THE FACILITY AS PART OF THE WORLD-WIDE
OMEGA SYSTEM.

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8. TO THE EXTENT THAT THE CARRYING OUT BY EITHER GOVERN-
MENT OF ANY REQUIREMENTS IN THIS AGREEMENT MAY DEPEND
ON FUNDS TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THAT GOVERNMENT OR TO
THE OTHER GOVERNMENT, THOSE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SUB-
JECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THOSE FUNDS.
9. THE EQUIPMENT, PARTS, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES WHICH
THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES AGREE ARE EQUIPMENT, PARTS,
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES IMPORTED INTO AUSTRALIA BY THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS
AGREEMENT SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUTIES
AND TAXES.

10. WHENEVER THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES AGREE THAT THE WHOLE OR ANY PART OF THE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS LISTED IN THE ANNEX TO THIS AGREEMENT ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT, SUCH WHOLE OR PART AND SUCH OTHER EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AS THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES AGREE SHOULD ALSO BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR CONVEYANCE FROM AUSTRALIA OR, UPON CONDITIONS

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AGREED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, FOR DISPOSAL IN AUSTRALIA.

11. AT ALL STAGES IN TKR ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FACILITY THE MAXIMUM PRACTICABLE USE SHALL BE MADE OF AUSTRALIAN COMPONENTS AND RESOURCES. IN PARTICULAR, THE ANTENNA AND ITS TOWER SHALL BE THE SUBJECT OF SPECIAL CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES WITH THE OBJECT OF MAXIMISING THE AUSTRALIAN CONTENT.

12. WHENEVER REQUESTED BY, AND WITHOUT CHARGE TO, THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL PROVIDE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT IN THE OPERATION OF THE ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT MADE AVAILABLE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR SUCH PERSONS AS MAY BE NOMINATED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH SHALL PAY THE SALARIES, TRANSPORTATION, ACCOMMODATION, AND LIVING EXPENSES OF SUCH PERSONS.

13. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, AS OPERATORS OF THE FACILITY, WILL CO-OPERATE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OPERATING OMEGA FACILITIES AND WILL USE ITS BEST ENDEAVOURS, AS WILL THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, TO ESTABLISH AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL REGIME FOR THE CO-ORDINATED OPERATION OF THE OMEGA SYSTEM.

14. THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS MAY MAKE ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT, IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, MY NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY TO THAT EFFECT SHALL TOGETHER CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY AND WHICH SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL 180 DAYS

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AFTER EITHER GOVERNMENT GIVES TO THE OTHER NOTICE OF
ITS INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT. END TEXT
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